



## THE FLEET LEAVES FOR PUGET SOUND

### The Battleships On Their Way North Will Sail Close to Oregon Shore.

## ITINERARY VERY COMPLETE

After the Three Days' Visit on Puget Sound the Ships of One Squadron Will Sail For San Francisco For Docking.

## BATTLESHIPS COMING.

**NORTH HEAD, WIRELESS STATION, Wash., May 18 (Special to the Astorian).—**At midnight tonight the battleship fleet is 100 miles north of San Francisco, but is having rather heavy weather. Everything is alright and we are making very good time.

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—**In the gray midst of a rainy morning the Atlantic fleet sailed from the Golden Gate this morning on its way to the various ports on Puget Sound. On its way up the coast the fleet will sail close to the shore at certain points in order to give the people of Northern California and Oregon an opportunity to view the long line of fighting vessels. The ships will arrive at Puget Sound Thursday, the Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio dropping anchor at Port Angeles, and the Illinois and Kearsarge at Port Townsend; the Connecticut, Louisiana, Kansas, Vermont, Georgia, Virginia and New Jersey going to Bellingham and the Wisconsin, Nebraska and Kentucky going to Bremerton. Re-assembling May 23 the fleet will proceed to Seattle on May 27, 12 of the battleships will go to Tacoma, eight of which will make a brief stay before sailing for San Francisco. The other four will stay at Tacoma until their turn to go into the drydock at Bremerton. Thus eight will drydock on Puget Sound and eight in San Francisco.

## INCREASING EXHIBITS.

**Quartermaster-General Ayeleshire to Increase Wax Works Exhibition in the War Department.**

**NEW YORK, May 18.—**Brigadier-General Ayeleshire, quartermaster-general of the army has made arrangements to largely increase the wax works exhibition which is one of the sights of the war department building in Washington. The department already possesses a large number of wax figures on which are displayed not only the uniforms now in use in the army, but many of those used at various periods since the Revolutionary days. These figures are made of exhibits, made by the war department at various exhibitions and when not in use elsewhere, decorate the halls of the war department building in Washington. General Aleshire has recently placed an order with a maker of wax figures in New York for a larger addition to the exhibition. The new groups of figures are more elaborate than any heretofore owned by the department. They are designed to show scenes in camp, in barracks and in the field. They will show the work as well as the play of the soldiers and of course will be perfect in technical details. It is expected that the groups will be ready for shipment to Washington within a very short time.

## BIDDING OF PITCHER.

**NEW YORK, May 18.—**It is said in baseball circles that John T. Brush, owner of the New York National League team has made an offer of \$3,000 to the St. Louis Club for the release of Raymond, a pitcher, it is said, the St. Louis club intends to dispose of the service of some of its pitchers, and New York has put in an early offer to obtain Raymond if the St. Louis management will permit him to go.

## DEFICIENCY BILL

Passed by House Today—Total of \$17,370,000.

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—**The passage by the house today of the general deficiency bill carrying \$17,370,000 marked a completion by that. The bill was put through under a suspension of the rules with no time allowance for a general debate. Several measures were passed by unanimous consent including the joint resolution providing for an annuity of \$125 per month each for the widows of Surgeons James Carroll and Jesse Lesear, U. S. A., in recognition of their discoveries in connection with the transmission of yellow fever by mosquitoes.

## JAY GOULD WINS.

Eustace H. Miles in an Article to the Daily Graphic Tells How it Happened

**LONDON, May 18.—**Eustace H. Miles, who Saturday was defeated for the court tennis championship by Jay Gould, in an article in the Daily Graphic says:

"Never in my life have I experienced such a set of adverse strokes and situations. They might be summed up thus: That I just missed and he just got. I make no excuse for myself; I deserved to miss because I did not hit quite accurately while he did." Miles thinks that now he knows Gould's new service, he will be less unprepared and will do better if he meets him next Saturday.

## WALLER TESTIFIES

In Defence of International Paper Co.'s Contracts

## HOPE TO CONCLUDE TODAY

He Said the Increased Cost of Print Paper Was Not Due to a Pool But Was Decided by the Board of Directors.

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—**The officials of the International Paper Corporation today occupied the witness stand in the investigation of the house into the wood pulp and print paper question. T. L. Waller, second vice-president of the company and the general sales manager went into the questions of contracts with the different newspapers and said that the increased cost of paper was due not to a pool but was decided by the board of directors after careful consideration. He complained that the International Paper Company had been accused of either directly or by implication with a great many transactions with which they had nothing to do. The committee hopes to conclude the testimony by tomorrow night.

## X RAYS LOCATE NEEDLE.

**NEW YORK, May 18.—**By the use of x rays, Surgeons in the Harlem hospital were enabled to locate a needle within a fraction of an inch of Nicholas Huyler's heart yesterday when they performed an operation which saved his life. Huyler, a tailor, 18 years old, fell Thursday while carrying up stairs a pair of trousers on which he had been working at his home, and a needle entered his chest. A few hours later he visited the Harlem hospital but the needle had disappeared and a superficial examination failed to disclose it. Yesterday he suffered intense pain in the region of his heart and fearing he was going to die, he hurried to the hospital.

x rays were applied and the needle was seen so close to his heart that had it remained there two hours more, the surgeons say, it probably would have penetrated that organ and caused death. Huyler is resting comfortably, but it probably will be two weeks before he can leave the hospital.

## ENDORSE BRYAN.

**HONOLULU, May 18.—**The democratic territorial convention today selected six delegates to the national convention and instructed them to support Bryan.

## TOM PLATT SUED FOR DIVORCE

### Mae Catherine Wood Testifies in Her Suit for Absolute Divorce From Thomas C. Platt

## "LOVE-LETTERS OF A BOSS"

Introduces Marriage Certificate and Copies of Letters Alleged to Have Been Written by the Senator Addressed in Terms of Endearment.

**NEW YORK, May 18.—**Mae Catherine Wood was on the witness stand all day today testifying to her suit for an absolute divorce from United States Senator Thomas Collier Platt before Justice O'Gorman in the supreme court. In support of her assertions that she had been secretly married to Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, November 9, 1901, her counsel introduced in evidence a certificate which he said had been handed to her by the minister who performed the ceremony and copies of numerous letters alleged to have been written to her by the Senator, addressed in terms of endearment.

On cross examination Miss Wood told how she came to give up the letters and documents she once possessed relating to Platt, alleging that she did so under duress and was compelled to sign a receipt for \$10,000 in settlement for all claim against the Senator. Miss Wood in her suit named as co-respondent Lillian Janeway, whom Platt married in 1903. Platt was not in court today.

Counsel for Platt produced the letters alleged to have been written to Miss Wood by the Senator in one of these dainty missives the old Senator asked Miss Wood why she didn't marry Mr. Middleton and said he would like to see her married before he "Cashed in his checks."

In another letter the aged Senator took Miss Wood to task for writing about "Old Janeway."

Miss Wood told of a conspiracy which she alleged had been participated in by Robert J. Wynne, William Loeb and J. Martin Middleton, which she asserted led to their securing a number of letters from Platt which she proposed to incorporate in her book entitled the "Love letters of a Boss." Miss Wood said in October, 1903, she brought the Senator's letters with her. She was met at the hotel by Middleton, a secret service man, who put her practically under arrest. Middleton, she asserted, took her down to Abe Hummel's office the next day and as a result of this visit she was compelled to give up the letters and forced to sign a receipt for \$10,000. She said she only got a portion of the \$10,000.

## LAUNCHING COLLIER.

**NEW YORK, May 18.—**With cradles and sliding ways in position, everything is in readiness for the launching of the Vestal, a 12,500-ton collier, at New York Navy Yard tomorrow morning. It is estimated that 25,000 persons will be in the navy yard when Miss Gladys Goodrich, daughter of Rear-Admiral Goodrich, christens the vessel. Many noted guests have been invited and the collier's workmen will celebrate with a banquet.

## NEW OPERATIC STAR.

**LONDON, May 18.—**A new operatic star has appeared in London's musical firmament in the person of Miss Edith Walker, the American-singer. The London morning papers express the highest praise of her assumption of the part of Isolde at Covent Garden on Saturday, declaring it to be a "revelation both histrionically and socially. Some of the critics declare that it was the finest performance ever witnessed in London.

Miss Walker has not appeared in London since she sang here eight years ago as a contralto.

## HARD LUCK.

State of California Held Up—Smallpox Aboard.

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—**The steamship State of California from Astoria and Portland has been ordered into quarantine for two weeks on account of a case of smallpox. J. Boyle, of Portland, being the afflicted passenger.

The State of California left Astoria last Saturday with the following passengers, booked from that city: Charles Leedy, first cabin; Paul Prudhomme, N. Bulade and Geo. Mahoney, second cabin.

## PEARL HARBOR.

Captain Seaton Schroeder Will be President of a Naval Board to Locate Dry Dock.

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—**Captain Seaton Schroeder will be president of a board of naval officers which will convene at Honolulu on the arrival of the fleet there whose duty it will be to make recommendations regarding the location of the proposed new dry dock and repair shop at Pearl Harbor. Congress at its present session made an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to begin work. An important question for the consideration of the board will be the locations and dimensions of the dock.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Early Half Consumed by Senator Heyburn's Speech

## AGAINST HOMESTEAD ENTRIES

Bulkeley Spoke in Favor of Passing His Bill to Authorize the President to Re-enlist the Negro Soldiers of the 25th Infantry.

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—**The Senate today held a short executive session, nearly half of which was consumed by Senator Heyburn in a filibustering speech against the conference report on the bill to increase the homestead entries on non-irrigable lands from 160 to 320 acres, which he declared would apply to the richest farm land of Idaho, the objectionable report was finally withdrawn. A conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial bill was reported by the Senate. Bulkeley spoke in favor of passing his bill to authorize the president to re-enlist the negro soldiers of the 25th infantry and declared if possible he would secure action on it during the present session.

## GYPSY MOTH BUDGET.

Bay State Appropriates \$300,000 for Extermination of the Brown-tail Moths.

**BOSTON, May 18.—**In asking Massachusetts Legislature for an appropriation of \$300,000 to cover the expense of the warfare this year against the gypsy brown-tail moths, Archie H. Kirkland, state supt. for the suppression of insect pests, said that over eighty thousand parasites of the moths have been let loose from the experiment station at Melrose Highlands during the past week and twenty thousand will be ready for liberation within a few days. This action is regarded as a most important step in the campaign of the United States Department of Agriculture and State authorities against the destructive moths and the result will be watched with interest in every locality where these insects have appeared.

The scientists there is every reason to believe that in time these parasites will accomplish the practical suppression of the gypsy moth here as they have in Europe.

## CLEVELAND STREET CAR DYNAMITED

### The Twenty-five Passengers Miraculously Escaped With Slight Injuries

## POWDER SPREAD ON TRACKS

A Suburban Car Was Also Damaged by an Explosion of Powder on the Rails and the Floor of the Car Was Smashed Through.

**CLEVELAND, May 18.—**A Broadway street car was partially destroyed by a dynamite torpedo tonight. While 25 passengers were in the car, no one for a miracle, was seriously injured. A panic followed and the passengers made a rush for the exits. A suburban car was also damaged by an explosion of powder on the track. The floor of the car was smashed through and one woman was severely injured. Trivial rioting and with a deadlock in the arbitration proposals, the car service is largely restored and the refusal of the traction company authorities to do anything until the disorder and violence ceases, marked the third day of the strike of the conductors and motormen. The company succeeded in operating all lines with but a slightly impaired service.

Considering the difficulties it is improbable that arbitration will be effected soon. The cars were run on an average schedule of nine minutes today, only four minutes below the normal.

There was a marked decrease in the disorder and violence reported until tonight's explosions. In several instances car windows were broken by stones and the cars were stopped and the non union crews were brutally assaulted.

## SOCIALISTS CONVENTION.

Very Nearly Caught Napping by Adopting a Set of Resolutions Without Having Them Read

**CHICAGO, May 18.—**The Socialist national convention, just before final adjournment last night, committed itself to prohibition, and then instantly reversed its action when the mistake was made clear. The day had been devoted to committee reports and when, in the evening, the report of the Finnish translator was brought on and found to be acopious document a resolution was passed that it be adopted without reading and without discussion. Comrade Victor Viberg, however, remembered that the Finnish element in the party is enthusiastic on the prohibition question and hastened to scan the report for objectionable recommendations.

The convention just had decided that its work was finished, had given three rousing cheers for the "Social Revolution" and was singing the "Marseillaise" when the searchers fears were confirmed.

He sprang on top of a table and broke up the singing of the party hymn with lusty shouts.

"Comrades," he cried, "What an awful mistake we have made. This is a recommendation we have adopted. We therefore recommend that a plank prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be inserted in the party platform. Why that is enough to wipe the party off the map."

After a moment's breathless silence the convention unanimously undid its rash act and resumed the singing of the "Marseillaise."

Besides its amusing ending, the most interesting feature of the closing session was a bitter wrangle on the question of woman's suffrage.

The report of the woman's committee, read by Comrade Mila Tupper Maynard of Colorado, recommending the appointment of a committee of five with power to appoint a national legislature and to conduct an active propaganda for woman's suffrage, was finally adopted.

A resolution was adopted recommending the creation of an associated socialist press service to supply party papers with news of interest to Socialists.

## TESTIMONY ALL IN.

Arguments Begun in the Second Trial of Abraham Ruef.

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—**The taking of testimony is closed and the arguments were begun today in the second trial of Abraham Ruef on a charge of bribery. Heney opened for the prosecution and was followed by Ach in Ruef's behalf. Ach did not finish until a late hour tonight. Tomorrow Attorney Chapman for the defense and Heney for the state will close. It is expected that Judge Dooling will deliver his charge late in the afternoon.

## PLEADS SELF DEFENCE.

Eleven Jurors Were Secured When Court Adjourned.

**PORTLAND, May 18.—**The trial of Nathan H. Suitter, the policeman who shot and killed Henry Shaffer, a longshoreman, in the victim's home on March 1 last, began in the state circuit court today. Eleven jurors were secured when the court adjourned until tomorrow. The Shaffer's and several friends were having a party and upon some one complaining that they were disturbing their neighbors, Suitter went to the house. He secured entrance through a back door and Shaffer attempted to drive the officer out. Suitter's defense is that he shot in self defence.

## AUTOPSY COMPLETED

Revealed the Fact That One Victim Was a Woman

## STORY OF EMIL GREENING

The Bodies of the Seven Unidentified Dead Will be Buried Tomorrow in the Potter's Field and Christian Services Will be Conducted.

**LA PORTE, May 18.—**The autopsy on the unidentified remains of persons exhumed on the Guinness farm was completed this evening and revealed the fact that one of the seven was a female. This has aroused new interest in the story of Emil Greening, who was employed by Mrs. Guinness in 1904 who related that one day a man and woman came to the house. These people Mrs. Guinness said were the professor and his wife from the Los Angeles College which Jennie Olsen was attending. The next morning according to Greening, the man and woman and also Jennie had disappeared. The theory now advanced is that Mrs. Guinness that night may have murdered not only Jennie but the man and woman.

The authorities think that this is inconceivable, but considered in the light of the recent developments, nothing appears impossible for this arch murderer. The bodies of the seven unidentified dead will be buried tomorrow in the Potter's Field. Christian services will be conducted over them and small headstones erected telling the circumstances of their deaths. The body of Jennie Olsen has been turned over to her relatives.

## STORMY SESSION.

Democratic Convention at Spokane Instructed Delegates to Vote for Bryan First, Last and all the Time.

**SPOKANE, May 18.—**After as stormy a session as was ever seen in a convention hall in this state, the democratic state convention tonight just before midnight adopted a plank declaring for submission to vote on the constitutional amendment forbidding the sale of spirituous liquors. Whether by oversight or design, nothing was said about vinous and malt drinks. The plank was adopted by a two to one vote following a night of fierce and fiery oratory for and against. A double delegation of 20, each with a self vote, was elected to the national convention at Denver and instructed to vote for Bryan, "First, last and all the time."